Adoption of November 19, 2007 Agenda

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt the November 19-20, 2007 agenda as presented and/or amended.

Approval of September 24-25, 2007 Meeting Minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the September 24-25, 2007 Minutes as presented and/or amended.

Indian Education update; Gear Up; new DVD's "Oceti Sakowin: The People of the Seven Council Fires"; Regional Indian Education Summit held September 19-21

BACKGROUND:

Gear Up recently finished their summer academy in Rapid City. New DVD's were produced by SDPB; copies were mailed early August, to all school superintendents and principals in SD. Summit was held in Rapid City, in conjunction with the TIE office this year.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Wellness Policy Analysis

BACKGROUND:

All schools were to have a wellness policy in place, board passed a model wellness policy. During reviews last year we collected wellness policies (about 20% of the schools). Intern completing an analysis of the policies.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

NAEP 2007 Results for South Dakota

BACKGROUND:

2007 NAEP results for South Dakota are for the third time South Dakota participated in NAEP as required by NCLB.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Board, Commission, Committee Reports

BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Report on Activities and Issues – Board of Regents

BACKGROUND:

Sam Gingerich, Chief Academic Officer for the Board of Regents will provide an update of teacher education issues and other items of interest:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

SD YRBS Trend Report – 1991-2005

BACKGROUND:

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey assesses the six priority risk behaviors that result in the greatest amount of morbidity, mortality, and social problems among youth. South Dakota has conducted the YRBS biennially since 1991. Results from every SD YRBS have been complied to produce the <u>SD YRBS Trend Report 199—2005</u>. Results will be shared at the Board of Education meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None. As a professional courtesy, results of the YRBS Trend Report are being shared with the Board of Education before being released to the public.

Executive Session for Lawsuit Update

BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Public Hearing – Language Arts Alternate Content Standards and Achievement Descriptors for students with significant cognitive disabilities.

BACKGROUND:

In 2004-2005, the Alternate Content Standards and Achievement Descriptors for reading and math were created, approved, and implemented for students with significant cognitive disabilities. In January 2006, the Alternate Content Standards for Science were approved and implemented and Social Studies followed in March of 2007.

Because the general Language Arts Standards were revised and Board approved during the 2006-2007 school year, the Reading Alternate Content Standards needed to be revisited and Writing and Speaking, Viewing and Listening Alternate Content Standards were written for the first time. A group of 24 general and special education teachers met June 25-June 28 in Pierre to write the standards. The process was facilitated by the Department of Education and South Dakota teachers experienced in the standards writing process and working with students with significant cognitive disabilities.

The Language Arts Alternative Content Standards and Achievement Descriptors were posted on the Department of Education webpage for public comment on October 12, 2007 and remained open until November 12, 2007. As of October 29, no comments had been received. Notices for comment were sent out on the Special Education listery, Special Education Alternate listsery, and to special education directors.

Approval of the alternate content standards for Language arts will allow teachers to revise curriculum during the 2007-2008 year and implement the standards for the 2008-2009 school year. Additionally the department can proceed with the revision of the alternate reading assessment aligned with the new standards slated for administration spring of 2009. The writing standards will be used for the writing test beginning the spring of 2008. This approval allows for the inclusion of students with significant cognitive disabilities to participate in the alternate content standards aligned to the general content standards as well as the state reading and writing assessment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The department requests board approval of the Language Arts Alternate Content Standards and Achievement Descriptors.

Public Hearing Application for new or expanded programs ARSD 24:10:42:23

BACKGROUND:

The proposed change eliminates the April 1st timeline for applications for new or expanded postsecondary programs. Currently the rules restrict the Office of Career and Technical Education and the South Dakota Board of Education from approving any new applications until the next application period if the program is identified after the April 1st date.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The department respectfully requests that the Board of Education approve the amended rule 24:10:42:23.

Facility Fee Increase Request

BACKGROUND:

There is a need to increase facility fees to increase the revenue needed to meet the demand for new facilities. The South Dakota Bonding Authority has been working with OCTE and the Technical Institutes to make appropriate adjustments.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

YES – Approval 2008-2009 = 1.50 increase 2009-2010 = 1.00 increase

Facility Application Form (2nd draft) Approval

Note: This application form can be for 1-2 years, based on the project

BACKGROUND:

The Technical Institutes are in need for new facilities. Dr. Melmer has recommended the Technical Institutes develop a form for the State Board and to assist with the Bonding Authority.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Yes – Approval

Note: years = project

Facility Planning Update – Technical Institutes

BACKGROUND:

The Technical Institutes are in need for new facilities. Update on local and statewide planning.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Legislative Update – Technical Institutes

BACKGROUND:

The Technical Institutes have been in the process of working together to develop a plan for the 2008 legislative session, based on the findings of the state-wide Task Force.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Five Point Plan Update – Technical Institutes

BACKGROUND:

The Technical Institutes have been working together in following up on the Five Point Plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Secretary's Report

BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

SUBJECT: Election of Officers	
BACKGROUND:	
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	